

CHAMPIONS

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Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

*We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, **the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.***

What are you going to say 100 years from now?

Hebrews 11:1-4 NASB

1 Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen.

2 For by it the people of old gained approval.

3 By faith we understand that the world has been created by the word of God so that what is seen has not been made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was attested to be righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

The story of Abel isn't super flashy. So what landed him in this list?

He GAVE HIS BEST To God from a heart of Faith.

GIVE YOUR BEST

The question is not: *Am I doing enough?* The question is: *Am I giving my best?*

David said, *"I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing."*

Romans 12 tells us that we should present our bodies as a living **sacrifice**. And as bad as we hate it, there is a level of **SACRIFICE** if we want to be a Champion.

GIVE YOUR BEST TO GOD

Many people don't have a 'best' problem, but a 'priority' problem.

The question is not, "Are you giving your best?", but "What are you giving your Best TO?"

Why does God hate Lukewarm Casual Christianity?
Because it's a clear sign that I am not GRASPING what He Did for ME.

GOD deserves my best.

GIVE YOUR BEST TO GOD DAILY

If we want to be a Champion in God's eyes, it's about *Daily Diligence*.

The world says "Do Something Big" – but God says "Do Something Daily."

Because that's where your real strength is built.

A Champion is not made in a DAY — He's made in the DAILY.

3 Questions:

1. Am I giving my best, or just what is convenient?
 2. Is my best going to God, or something else?
 3. Am I committed to Daily Disciplines that make me Battle-Ready?
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1. Giving your Best Gets God's Attention

In Mark 12, there's a story of a Widow who came and gave her offering. Jesus saw it and said, "This woman has given more than anyone."

2. When you show up, God shows up

Luke 1:8-11

8 One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week.

9 As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense.

10 While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.

11 While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar.

It says, "One day Zechariah was serving..." Why was he serving that day? It was simply because he was on duty that week.

And ONE DAY, as he was simply SHOWING UP, GOD shows up.

**FAITHFULNESS Makes Me AVAILABLE To GOD.
Do the Mundane, but Don't Lose Your
EXPECTATION.**

3. Giving your Best to God Leaves a Lasting Legacy

What are you going to say 100 years from now?

We all deeply desire Real Significance, Real Purpose, Real Meaning of Life.

Hebrews 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was attested to be righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

What a powerful realization — that a man could live his life in such a way that "Thou he is dead, he still speaks."

Abel has been dead for thousands of years. Yet he still speaks.

You want to build a life that leaves a legacy that affects your Grandkids and their Grandkids?

Simply Live Like ABEL.

Give Your Best to God Daily